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03/14/20                      COVID19                      (first entry regarding the pandemic in my journal)

*The world is broken. Nothing feels the same. Entire countries are on lockdown, societies falling apart, schools are closed, non-domestic travel banned, curfews set, stores empty, people of power intimidated, the economy crashing, and people losing their jobs. All of this. One break in the system. One pandemic that broke a feeling of invincibility so deep-rooted in the minds of Americans that the foreshadowing of this traumatic event, was entirely ignored and dismissed. We, the young people, can do nothing but watch the politics play out. Watch and comment as our world leaders make fateful decisions about the handling of this outbreak. This is what COVID19 has done. Abide the lockdown or be fined, a common reality in this time. The world is being eaten alive and we are slowly falling into the belly of the beast, our methods of flee are beginning to narrow.*

03/21/20                      UPDATE

*It's only gotten worse... This is history. We may be stuck in quarantine for over 3 months possibly a year but even so permanent or long-standing regulation will still be imposed despite our release. There is a big chance I won't be going back to school this year. The last semester of 8th grade forgotten and ended much too soon. I have had my own fair share of things canceled and postponed as a result of this unprecedented global event but fortunately, I am very blessed to be in a household that has not experienced any kind of major devastation in terms of unemployment, sickness, or delays in important events and otherwise. This entire situation demonstrates how much we rely on the ability to travel efficiently and what the severe lack of it can do to us. Stores begin to look post-apocalyptic as random crazes for specific items seem to skyrocket and change every week. As for me specifically, I tend to find I really treasure this downtime because its given me time to journal, draw, paint, things I feel are taken for granted on a day to day basis. Being a young person growing up in this time. it is so easy to become overtaken by electronic devices as they are very alluring and addictive but, I've found that amidst this crisis I tend to be grabbing for my journal rather than my phone or computer. This is a very very unfortunate circumstance but it has helped me to come to my creativity and hone in on things that are otherwise overlooked in my daily life.*

*"for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction"- Isaac Newton*

04/16/2020                      LIFE UPDATE

*Oh my gosh... Okay so first off there is so much that has happened and so many bases to cover. First off, the state of the world hasn't gotten any better really except in a few countries which have been*

*gradually reopening and reinstating a more standard way of life, but the majority of the world has only gotten worse, unfortunately. Time isn't on our side and world leaders struggle to come to a collective conclusion on how to handle this on a global level as different parts of the world hit peak points of this virus at different times. Furthermore, if we did come to a collective conclusion on how to handle this outbreak and we release good portions of the world, we might have to prepare for a second wave or resurgence of this pandemic depending on the method with which we go about handling the release of people. On another note, as for my personal life, every day is the same. My mom compared this scenario to the film groundhog day which follows a weatherman who lives groundhog day over and over until he sees a way to make the situation into a positive. I hope we can find a way to apply that concept to our current situation because at the moment it isn't just sickness that plagues the world, but deep sadness to accompany it. One positive i have pulled from this situation is that part of the reason I have always been so into journaling is that I have wanted my writing to be able to be utilized for research and education purposes should a major domestic or world event take place. I drew my inspiration from the jarring diary of ann frank which I find to be one of the most astounding pieces of literature to this date, such a horrific event captured and detailed through the eyes of such a young girl, something I have been so astounded and mesmerized by growing up. I hope that if nothing else this helps researchers understand what life is/was like through the eyes of a young person dealing with this pandemic, that would be a dream.*

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*Soooo, Oh my gosh!! I heard of this opportunity where people are submitting journal entries about this pandemic to a MUSEUM, a freaking museum how cool is that !! The thought this could possibly make it into display or research at a history center is crazy!! Life long dream!! This is why I've journaled for so long!! When I am to leave the earth one day I want to be remembered for providing some sort of necessary perspective on world events and this is a ticket to that, this pandemic through the eyes of a young person!! After submission, I will continue to donate more written material as it is created. I submitted an inquiry asking if they wanted the perspective from a younger person so we will see! On a more upsetting note school was closed officially for the remainder of the year, which isn't the most heartening thing but it could be much worse. Additionally, this virus has moved closer to my family as I have indirectly known 6 people that were, unfortunately, fatally affected by this disease. Though this disease itself isn't actually all that much worse then the flu the issue is we have no vaccination and all COVID19 deaths are highlighted so it makes it seem like the numbers are crazier than they actually are. One big issue with this entire disease is in the US it was not taken seriously at an early enough stage so testing wasn't launched early on, because of this the estimation of people with this disease is much higher then what the numbers can collect, there are so many different things this could mean moving forward .*

4/23/2020

*Serenity*

*(poem)*

*If the world was a boat,  
We were capsized  
unbeknownst  
To the masses of people that still collect  
Breathless at the bottom of the sea  
That's what current day COVID feels like  
Only much less serene*